### contact us

To learn how you can keep your kids safe with **Project 8** or if you qualify for a child seat, visit www.state.sd.us/project8 or contact a **Project 8** program in your region

#### Region 1: West

Early Childhood Connections 809 South Street, Ste. 304 Rapid City, SD 57701 (605) 342-6464 (888) 999-7759

#### Region 3: North

Early Childhood Partners 1500 N. Main Street Aberdeen, SD 57401 (605) 229-8505 (800) 982-6404

#### Region 5: Southeast

Sioux Valley CHILD Services 1115 W. 41st Street Sioux Falls, SD 57105 (605) 333-0698 (800) 235-5923 Ext. 4

#### **Region 2: Central**

Pierre Area Referral Service 118 E. Missouri Avenue Pierre, SD 57501 (605) 945-1037 (800) 499-4767

#### **Region 4: Northeast**

Family Resource Network South Dakota State University PO Box 2218 Brookings, SD 57007 (605) 688-5730 (800) 354-8238



# Parent's guide: child seat



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Dear Parents:

South Dakota's kids are our most valuable resource. To help protect them, I invite you to be a part of the state's child seat program: **Project 8**.

Project 8 is South Dakota's new goal to keep kids safe by making sure they are in the best child seat for their height and weight, until they are at least 8 years old. At 8 years, most children can safely wear a seat belt because they are taller than 4'9" and weigh more than 80 pounds.

Project 8 also distributes child seats to income eligible families statewide by assessing financial need. Contact a Project 8 program near you for more information.

Sincerely

Governor Mike Rounds



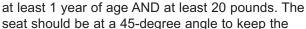
# infants

Age: Birth to 1 year

Weight: Up to 35 pounds

**Type of Seat:** Infant-only or Rear-facing Convertible

**Direction to Face:** Infants should ride rear-facing to



child's head from falling forward. Do not tip it too far back or the child could come out of the seat in a crash.

Note: Infants who outgrow an infant-only seat before 1 year of age should ride rear-facing in a convertible child seat.

## toddlers

Age: Older than 1 year old

Weight: 20 pounds to 40 pounds

**Type of Seat:** Convertible or Forward-facing Only

**Direction to Face:** A child older than 1 year of age AND heavier than 20 pounds may ride facing forward. Use the upright position

recommended by the manufacturer.

Note: Secure a child in a child seat with a full harness until he/she is heavier than 40 pounds. A child heavier than 40 pounds should move to a booster seat.

# young children

Age: Until at least 8 years old

Weight: Heavier than 40

pounds

**Type of seat:** Belt-positioning Booster Seat, or High-back

**Booster Seat** 

**Direction to Face:** Forward-Facing



Note: All children who have outgrown infant or convertible child seats should be properly restrained in booster seats until they are at least 8 years old, meet weight limit of booster seat or are 4' 9".



